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Enforcement Action

Josef Solares

The Board for Geologist and Geophysicists (Board) issued a Citation and Fine of \$2,500 on November 13, 2007 to Mr. Joesef Solares for violation of sections 7872(a) and 7872(h) of the Business and Professions Code (unlicensed professional practice of geology).

Mr. Solares prepared a letter report entitled "Request For Case Closure Review Encino Center Car Wash 16300 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA (Case No. 914061834)," dated May 14, 2007 (Letter Report) signed as "Josef Solares," of State UST Fund Advisory and Services Company. This Letter Report was submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Underground Storage Unit (RWQCB) and the State Water Resources Control Board Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (SWRCB Fund).

The aforementioned Letter Report signed by Mr. Solares demonstrates that he practiced geology in the State of California without a California Professional Geologist license. Consequently, Mr. Solares violated Business and Professions Code section 7872(a) when he engaged in the practice of geology without a license. These violations constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 7872(a) and section 7872(h).

Mr. Solares demonstrated cooperation with the Board's goal of public protection by identifying facts during his citation informal conference on December 13, 2007 related to his unlicensed practice of geology identified in the aforementioned citation. Further, Mr. Solares proposed business process solutions to avoid potential future violations of the Business and Professions Code. Consequently Mr. Solares's fine amount was reduced to \$2,000.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter. Mr. Solares paid the fine and the case was closed on December 13, 2007.

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code §7810.1)